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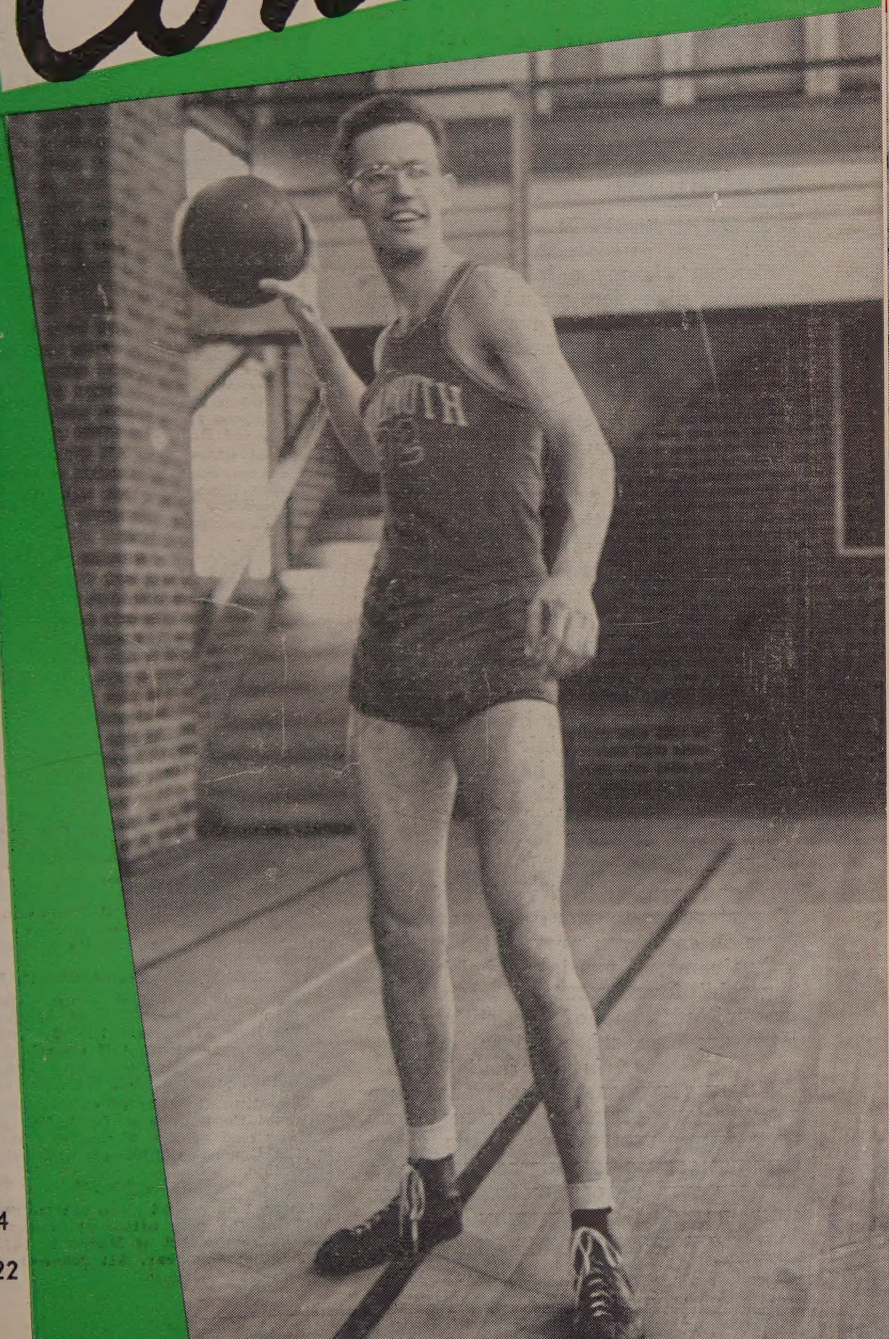

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Cover Photo

Not with a basketball in his hand, but in tie and coat the fellow on CONCERN'S cover will appear before Methodist youth and student groups across the country. He is a basketball star in his own right, but Methodist youth will know him as the projects secretary of their National Conference. As of July 1, he succeeds George Harper (11 June CONCERN). See story, page 3.

Forum

ONE MORE ANSWER

Sirs:

CONCERN in my opinion is the best newsmagazine for youth in these United States. I like every bit of it, from cover to cover, and find it very helpful. During the last few weeks I've been especially interested in reading "those Avent letters" and the comments they've brought forth.

It seems everybody is writing in about them, so I might as well get in my two cents' worth. Mr. Avent's views are some of the best I've heard from a non-pacifist. However, I cannot agree with him. War is not and never can be the answer to anything. How can we hope to gain peace through war? Saying that we can would be about the same as saying that we could prevent juvenile delinquency by becoming juvenile delinquents. I think his comment that pacifists do not have faith that we can avoid destruction is most untrue as I know several who have a firm faith that we can — through pacifism. If the Christians of today can band together in the spirit of those of yesteryear to work for *peace*, no force on earth can prevent its coming.

Again may I put in a wholehearted "hurrah" for CONCERN. I must have transmitted some of my enthusiasm. Here are five subscriptions.

Arleen Cornell, Calif.

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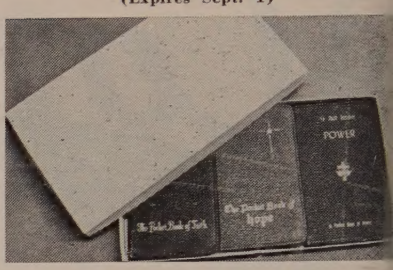

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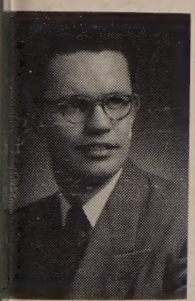
.eRoy King follows Harper in NCMY job

The new man in the National Conference of Methodist Youth office will walk over the heads of a lot of people. Certainly they will look up to him. For LeRoy King is six feet eight, or as he prefers to say—five feet twenty.

The tall man from Denver arrives in Nashville next week to become projects secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, succeeding George Harper. King will have editorial responsibilities for POWER and will share in the editing of CONCERN. He will direct various projects that the youth of the National Conference assign to their office.

King was born at Greely, Colo., but has spent more of his life in Denver than in any other city. He did his undergraduate work at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. He attended Boston University School of Theology for a semester, but did the rest of his seminary work at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. He has a bachelor of divinity degree from Garrett and a master of arts degree from Northwestern University. While at Garrett he met Elizabeth Wren of Nashville, Tenn., and in 1947 they were married in her home town. Now they have two children, a boy and a girl.



King

After Garrett, the Kings served pastorates at Center, Colo., and Emmanuel Church, Denver, where they now are. During their Center pastorate, a new $100,000 church building was completed, and just before they leave Emmanuel, the church will break ground for its new $100,000 sanctuary - educational unit to be added to their present building.

Methodist youth will be interested in the details of LeRoy King's athletic career. He played on the Mid-West conference championship basketball team at Monmouth College, ran on the track team and led cheers for the football team. At Garrett and Northwestern he played one season for the big school's team, playing center occasionally against the all-time great George Mikan, then in his college days. To earn some money for seminary expenses, King took out a year in 1947 and played professional basketball with the Royals of Rochester, N. Y. He put in another year on the professional court while finishing work at Garrett.

He has been assistant minister at First church, DeKalb, Ill., and director of the Wesley Foundation there. In the Colorado Conference he has been advisor to the Eastern Slope youth council (that means a conference director of youth work, almost) on a volunteer basis for four years. Among other responsibilities are directing a subdistrict, managing an intermediate camp, teaching in institutes, speaking, and on and on.

LeRoy King has had wide experience in the church and has been an excellent pastor and youth worker. He brings to the new job a zeal and enthusiasm, a love for youth, and a deep commitment.

Methodist youth and students will be meeting that tall boy with the big grin, as he begins among them a new phase of his ministry.

NEWS

Methodist women hold big assembly

Methodist women who attended the fourth quadrennial assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Milwaukee, numbering as many as 7,000 at times, returned to their widely scattered homes more certain than ever that "Jesus Christ is the Way."

To implement this conviction, at the final session (May 28) of the four-day program, the conference representatives made pledges of nearly seven million dollars for their 1954-55 world-wide program of missions, evangelism, education and social welfare.

An earlier offering from the confer-

ences added $96,900 to a fund to support retired missionaries and deaconesses. In addition to the service program administered from division headquarters in New York, local woman's societies last year raised $16,168,693 for projects in their home churches.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in her presidential keynote address pointed to three concerns of Methodist women to be high-lighted in the assembly: peace, missions and the world church. These were discussed by numerous first-hand authorities, some of them fresh from trouble-spots in the 28 countries in which the division is at work.

Among the 5,894 delegates were 75 youth and 22 young women who were consecrated to full-time church vocations.

Adopt Ten Affirmations

In the closing session the assembly approved ten "convictions and determined purposes." These the Woman's Society of Christian Service now proclaims to the world. In shortened form and paraphrased they cover these subjects:

◆ Christian women must live consistently in every area of life, giving leadership in political, economic, family, civic, national and international affairs.

◆ They must be alert to combat the forces that make for juvenile delinquency.

◆ Such aid must be given to youth that in their occupation choices Christian responsibilities in daily work and possible commitment to a Christian vocation are given consideration.

◆ Women must create concern for the dangers to family life from use of alcohol; legislation restricting advertising of alcoholic beverages was approved.

◆ United Nations was declared "government's best hope for peace"; support for bishops' Crusade for World Order was pledged.

◆ Interest expressed in ecumenical movement and second assembly of the World Council of Churches, August 15-31, Evanston, Ill.

◆ Defense of civil liberties is a responsibiilty of Christian conscience.

◆ Determination declared to work with greater urgency for elimination of segregation; women rejoice in Supreme Court decision that segregatio is an infringement of Constitution a a violation of the fourteenth amen ment; pledge to work through churc and community to speed transiti from segregated schools.

◆ Approval voiced for technical a sistance program as important part process of building peace; called f expansion.

Earlier in the week the presiden of 65 annual conference Woman's S cieties signed a huge Charter of Rac Policies in the exhibition hall, indic ing ratification of a code of n segregation practices within their o organizations.

WCC reports on goodwill in Geneva

The big Scandinavian Airlines S tem plane just touching the runw was only 40 hours out of Hong Ko Inside, tired from their long, un customed flight, were 43 Europ refugees straight from the interior China. Most of them were hard cor cases difficult to resettle because advanced age, infirmity or chronic ness. Through the efforts of the W Council of Churches' Service to Ref ees and other voluntary agencies t were bound for church homes an new life in Switzerland, Fran Belgium, the Netherlands, Denm and Sweden.

The first refugee I talked with a bent old woman 67 years old. spite of weariness her face was rad with joy in her new-found freedom. still could not believe that she had b literally lifted out of a desperate si tion in China to be set down am friends in un-dreamed of Switzerl While she and her companions w being served dinner in the air restaurant, she suddenly picked u bun and kissed it—so great was thankfulness. She told me than Shanghai she had not been permit to buy food—simply because she a White Russian.

This woman was one of 107 refug to leave Hong Kong in one week month. Forty-eight went as new grants to Israel, Turkey, Greece

European refugees, straight from the terior of China, disembark from their ane in Geneva after a 40-hour flight om Hong Kong. Some 43 hard-core fugees are being resettled through ie combined efforts of the World ouncil of Churches and other volun-ry and intergovernmental agencies church homes and institutions in urope. The two aged women are the ecial responsibility of the World ouncil of Churches.

razil. Here are life stories of some these refugees:

Mrs. A. is more than 69 years of ge. She registered with the Interna-onal Refugee Organization (U. N.) 1948 but no country seemed to want woman of her age. Her husband, a usinessman, died three years ago at ie age of 81. Since then she has been ving on money obtained from the sale their personal possessions. She had friends or relatives to help her, and ie was afraid to stay in China alone. he was too old to work. Her only hope as to find some church organization iat would take her into an old people's me. She finally found it—the World ouncil of Churches. Arrangements ere made for her departure, and she being given a home on a picturesque ke in Switzerland.

Miss B. and her mother had lived in Peking. Miss B is only 28 and was ready to migrate with her mother to a Latin American country. Just before departure time, she was given a final medical check-up. The diagnosis: *tuberculosis*. Her mother wouldn't go on alone. Many months later, through the efforts of the Swiss Protestant churches, the daughter is being given medical treatment in Switzerland. Her mother will stay and assist her in her recovery so they can resume their journey to Latin America together.

Mrs. C. had a similar story. She was going to migrate to Brazil with her niece and her small son. She received her Brazilian visa in February. But when they reached Hong Kong for the sailing, her niece was hospitalized with a serious illness. Mrs. C appealed to the World Council of Churches' office in Hong Kong and now scarcely two months later—she is in a church home for aged refugees in Belgium. She's supremely happy to be there.

Sad to say, the story does not end here. Only a handful of the total has boarded planes or buses. As of the end of April 1954 the Hong Kong office reported more than 14,000 European refugees registered with that office alone. Some 3,000 of those have visas and are now waiting for exit permits. Until they are granted these permits, nothing more can be done for them. But there are nearly 11 000 other refugees waiting in China—refugees who have *no* visas from overseas and *no* exit permits. And among this latter group there are hundreds of hard-core cases whose only hope is in the churches.

To see that SAS plane unload in Geneva was a dramatic event, a demonstration of international cooperation and goodwill, the fruitful result of the quiet but courageous work of intergovernmental bodies, churches and voluntary agencies in behalf of the refugees.

Expressions on faces of these people spoke eloquently. They seemed to say, "We thank God for delivering us. We want to thank all persons and churches and governments who together have given us new hope and new life."

—BY THEODORE PRATT,
Geneva, Switzerland

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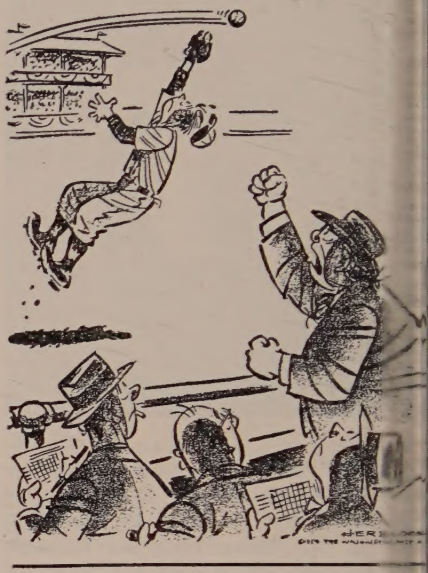
VIEWS

'You Disloyal American! You Commun



Five years ago, June 15, the International Christian University in Japan was founded. Last week churches in America held special observances in r e c o g n i t i o n of their participation in the support and development of ICU.

Important words were spoken last week by Joseph C. Grew, former U. S. ambassador to Japan and chairman of the ICU campaign f u n d in America. Read what this great world statesman has to say:

"In the relatively short period of five years the International Christian University in J a p a n has been planned, promoted and established. Although it is far from being completed, it now has a College of Liberal Arts, three graduate institutions (education, rural welfare, and nutritions), an experimental farm, and a faculty of 58 members, of which 21 are non-Japanese f r o m the United States, Canada, China and Switzerland.

"It has a 365-acre campus, largest in Japan, located just outside of Tokyo, upon which have been built a University Hall, several faculty units, and a number of farm buildings. A chapel, made possible by funds raised in Iowa, has just been completed, and at the present time two dormitories and a student union building are in the process of construction.

"When it is realized that this great achievement has been accomplished s i n c e 1949, all who have had a part in its founding should be congratulated. The student body, with an enrollment of 353 young men and women, is of the top ten per cent of high school graduates who will become the future leaders of Japan and of other nations in the Far East.

"It is indeed fortunate that we now have in Japan this remarkable demonstration c e n t e r for d e m o c r a c y. The International Christian University is already doing much to undergird, morally and spiritually, the basic principles of a peaceful society founded upon social justice and international goodwill. It therefore deserves our continued support. It is one of the hopeful realities in the Far East in which we can put our full confidence."

ICU is underwritten in America by the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc., at 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10. Fourteen m a j o r denominations (including The Methodist Church) in the United States and Canada are the cooperating members of this Christian agency. Its general secretary, Stanley Stuber, says that ICU "needs the constant help of denominational l o c a l churches and interested friends."

It is a good morning!

It's been a disturbing morning for e who likes to think he is a real—and yet an optimist.

It began at the bus stop where we d (and needed) our assortment of incoats, rubbers, unbrellas and rain-ts. It was a rainy morning in a iny spring. I wished my neighbor nat I thought was a cherry, "Good orning!"

"What's good about it?" he demand-. "It's lousy weather! Seeds all ashed out in the garden . . . Can't get ything started . . . Only the grass d weeds are growing . . . Can't get dry Saturday to mow the lawn . . . ottenest spring I've seen!" And more the same.

And yet I know that summer's liage, its trees and flowers and vege-bles, are going to be better this ar than last because of this rain; that the city fathers have been hoping for rain to help fill the dangerously-low reser-irs; that it is a gift from God, and answer to the needs and prayers of ose who help provide commuters and l of us with daily food.

Concern Feature

"I don't know what's going to hap-n to this country when all these venile deliquents grow up," said my atmate, looking up from his tabloid. These holdups, and sex crimes, and ang-wars, and muggings . . . it's all ese comics and TV shows . . . Now hen I was growing up . . . " (I tried visualize him in youth—and I ondered!)

But I thought of the young people know today, on the college campus here I saw them last week, in the urch schools, in Boy Scout troops, nd in handicraft and club groups: nd I knew they were as clean, as telligent, as promising, and as com-itted to high ideals as any I had known in my youth or later. In fact, I will confess I am sure they are better than my generation—as indeed they should be with the advances made in nutrition, psychology, and education! And I thought of the many families around me where I have never heard of divorce, or neglect, or crime, or deliquency. "The deliquent is not the norm of our youth," I said; "he is the unusual and therefore 'news'."

My newspaper wasn't of much help to me either. The editors had chosen to feature all that was depressing and wrong in the world and in the home city: the continued clash of men and machines in picturesque Indo-China; last night's holdups, burglaries, murders, and other violences; communisum discovered in new plots in new places; tensions between the executive and legislative arms of government; charges, countercharges, convictions, indictments, threats and counter-threats on national and international scales.

Reid

Nor did the leading editorial dispel gloom or put things in prespective. It said, in more erudite words, "The world is going to the dogs." Its tenor was this: "Dirty politics is ruining America . . . what with charges of subversion flying about, everyone investigating and suspecting everyone else, you can't get an able man to even consider running for public office."

Yet I know this is only a caricature of America. It may only prove that we keep better statistics than did our fathers; that cameras are more "candid" than those of our historians; that the speed of communication machinery have enabled reporters rather

quickly to gather up the scum of the news and throw it at us from page one to page thirty-two.

In my better moments I know that God's in his heaven, all's right with the world"! that man is moving, slowly out irresistably, toward a goal that may be delayed but not evaded; that the rain that deluges me and my pain today will make the earth more beautiful and fruitful tomorrow.

—BY W. W. REID

Thinking out the news

Too bad about Nelson

That column last month, "Too Bad about France, eh?" was really, of course (if you read it) "Too Bad about Puerto Rico." After reading some comments on it, though, we're inclined to think it might have been entitled "Too Bad about Nelson."

Concern Feature

There's no getting around the fact that a part-time columnist (just like a full-time one) sometimes writes in too much of hurry, striving too hard for effect, and with insufficient background.

("Current events," you know, covers practically everything, and there are very few columnists besides Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson who know everything.)

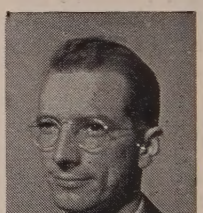
Writing "Indonesia" instead of "Indochina," of course comes under the heading of carelessness—specifically, not carefully re-reading the column to catch slips. Of course, CONCERN very kindly tried to take the blame, but it was only secondarily the responsibility of the office to catch such a "slip of the mind" (or of the typewriter, as the case may be.)

But there are more important elements in the column that needed straightening out, and we are very glad to do so, in response to a specific query to CONCERN from a West Virginia pastor.

Gist of the article was simply that Americans cannot afford to be too much irritated by France's undemocratic practices in regard to Indochina—complicating our position there in the eyes of the world which looks upon as the spokesman for democracy. Puerto Rico was cited as one reason why we cannot look down on other nations as imperialists. Material from two pacifist publications, *Fellowship* in this country and *Peace News* from England, was used.

These publications pointed out that Puerto Rico is not truly independent; that there is a strong independence movement there; and that this country has retained the power necessary to veto the establishment of independence.

Form of the article—an imaginary conversation—led some people to wonder, apparently, whether the facts used were imaginary. This writer can assure all readers he never stoops to such practices. All the facts used were taken directly from the two publications named. Having read *Fellowship* for years, we believe it more reliable than most newspapers in its use of facts.



Nelson

It is our customary practice to give our sources, but in this case it seemed that it would have made the "conversation" form of the article sound too artificial. Perhaps it was too artificial, anyhow—but you know the same old groove. He tries to do something a bit different, and he puts his foot in his mouth. Forgive us, and next time we won't use this particular style for that kind of column. It isn't a good style for introducing *new facts* to the reader.

In doing this re-hash, we haven't touched on the detailed points made in the article. Why? That's simple: we'd rather you go back to you May 14 CONCERN and read it again—keeping in mind that there was no "fictional" intent.

—BY CLAUD NELSON

Ads

America is ad-conscious. To some ex-nt, because of muchness upon much-ss, ad-proof. Whether p r i n t e d, oken, or sung, ads bid first for our *tention;* second for that delicate trip-ng of our emotional equilibrium so at we'll *want* terribly the product; ird for our *buying*. The implication that now with his product, ourselves d our world are perfect—see that othsome smile?

Well, *we're* ads. And however naive it may sound, we're Christianity's ads, we who breathe that name, we who call ourselves c h u r c h-men. What kind of "copy" do the mo-ments of our daily living write? How do we "read"? See Matthew 5:13 - 16. There's our "call-ing," our vocation; the particular line our endeavor is secondary. We're vertising copy writers.

Miss Bowman

Adult workers with youth—"friends youth"—your *first* qualification for ing teachers or counselors is here. ne worker, delighted in fellowship th youth, gave perhaps unwittingly, e impression that the Sermon on e Mount was not to be taken too riously. Another suggested that the scussion of race relations in a unit "What Does it Mean to be a Chris-an"? be omitted ("because in this ction we do not have that problem"). nother was expert on organizational atters, but a bit ill-at-ease in times r worship and prayer. Another gave eticulous attention to perfect groom-g; but seemed unmoved by needs in e local community, much less in the rger world. All these had taken train-g courses, and were more eager than ost to be good workers with youth. worker's quick, unthoughted reac-ns—on war, segregation, labor or y areas of "applied" Christianity—write more eloquent ads than the best discussions or even worship services on such themes. Suggestion in deep seriousness: prayer-fellowships of parents and *other* teachers of youth; second, that the idealism expressed in the units for youth themselves become part of the daily devotional questing of workers: that preparation of *self* be co-incident with preparation of units; third, that in joyous *further* quest with youth, workers embark upon some difficult service projects involving both the local community and wider world.

For youth these days need to be exposed to some daringly Christian adult personalities: people whose self-giving is so utter, their fearlessness so real that youth's own idealism is re-enkindled. *Somebody* had better believe the world can be made better! That is, believe with hand and feet tremendously active . . . until youth catch the spark, and get going ever more determinedly.

Youth, you are writing copy these days—and how! The term "teen-agers" is on everyone's tongue, even in funny papers. Magazines, newspapers, radio and TV scripts, dramas—people are giving you the limelight. And what they want to know is whether you've something dynamic, and "good front page copy" to contribute instead of delinquency. The Youth Emphasis has been going on quite a while. Many have been won . . . but are any of us "won" enough? Now, are we writing good advertising copy for applied Christianity across our nation and our world, and not being content to write just in terms of MYF activities?

Concern Feature

We're thinking now of a young person "on fire" for peace action, in a deep continuous way; he's studying international relations, and her writings in her college paper and everywhere are showing wisdom and persuasive power. We're thinking of a young person whose letters are so bouyantly

full of the *joy* of Christian dedication that one's life is hallowed for days after receiving one. We're thinking of many young people giving *consistently* to Meals for Millions and inspiring others to do so.

We're thinking of a young person who helped start a prayer fellowship on his campus, then soon there were 20 fellowships, and through them some individuals were being won from alcoholism into dynamic Christianity.

We're thinking of young people . . . well, you are, too! As Dorothy Harper said, "translation of the Bible" into *every* phase of living, each day a "page." How's our copy today?

—BY CLARICE BOWMAN

What's doing

Caravans hit the road

As this is being written at the Ohio Conference session in Lakeside, Ohio, two of the five Caravan Training Centers are just opening.

This signals the beginning of a "summer of a lifetime" for approximately 230 youth and adults who will serve on 46 Caravan Teams as well as for the un-numbered thousands of youth and adults who will spend a week as hosts of a Caravan team in more than 300 local churches across these United States—as well as in Cuba.

Caravaning has been described by former caravaners through the years as "the summer of a lifetime." And so it is! It begins with ten days of training on a college campus along with young people from many states.

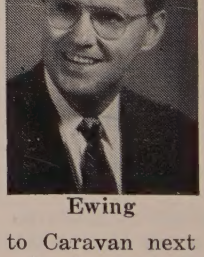
This year the Caravaners will train at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee and Irene Toland School, Matanzas, Cuba. During the ten days of fellowship, study and discussion the group will participate in workshop groups which will help them to become more understanding in the needs of youth in the local church and of ways to meet the situations in the local churches where they will visit.

The young people who are chosen as Caravaners are carefully selected from volunteers who send in applications and references. They must have two years of college behind them or have had equivalent experience in youth work. Qualities of emotional maturity, experience in the MYF, high Christian character and an understanding of the meaning of Christianity are among the qualities which go into the makeup of a typical caravaner.

Following the ten days at the Caravan Center the teams of four youth and an adult counselor will begin a "itinerary" which would put a seasoned trouper on the ropes. Each week in a different church . . . working from dawn to late night . . . eating at strange tables, meeting new youth, counselors and teachers . . . or visiting with youth and their parents.

The Caravan does not "put on" a program for the MYF but rather helps the local MYF Council, youth and adults to find ways in which the youth program can be strengthened. The results in most every case is a revitalized MYF which has found the way of moving forward with a strong, spiritual, aggressive program which will meet the needs of the young people in the community.

Incidentally Caravaners have a lot of fun . . . meet a lot of new people (both on the visiting Caravan and in the local church) find a vocation in church work which can challenge the best that they have to give to Christ and His church.



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It's too late this year to have a Caravan . . . but you can begin to plan now for one next year in your local church. It's too late this year to volunteer to go on a Caravan team . . . but if you want to have "the summer of a lifetime" then plan now to Caravan next year!

In the meantime let us all join in prayer that God will guide and bless the Caravaners this summer as they visit local churches and help them find the joy of serving Christ through the church.

—BY HAROLD EWING

ayer retreats
e power houses

m Southern California extensive use being made of all-day prayer re-ats as sources of spiritual illumin-on and power. The results are so lisfying that I am new devoting t of my time to extended con-sations with groups of twenty to y people, assembled for serious sideration of the responsibility of g a Christian in such a day as , and in unhurried prayer. As a is of our exploration, we are using se fourteen ways of finding and g the will of God in our time.

. Reflect upon the character of God.

. Saturate your mind with great sages from the Bible, especially h the record of the doings of Jesus.

. Enjoy constant comradeship with living Lord.

. Expect guidance from the Holy rit.

. Receive forgiveness and power in taking of Holy Communion.

. Be presistent in private prayer, ily prayer, group prayer, and cor-ate worship in the sanctuary.

. Experience human fellowship on highest level.

. Mellow your spirit by constant ex-sure to the power of silence, to eat music, and to the beauty of ure.

. Read great books and study the periences of the noblest men and men of the race.

10. Seek understanding of the adth and depth of the will of God in phases of life, especially in the as of social conflict.

11. Run the risk of doing what is ht in God's sight, rather than take consequences of doing what we ow to be wrong.

12. Proceed with confidence in God, d joyously leave the results in his ing hands.

13. Experience eternal life in the dst of time.

14. Value every hour as of priceless rth, and make wise use of time.

The division of time used follows ese patterns: 10:00 a. m. begin with long-playing record of great music; ayer and conversation until 12:00 noon; recess and fellowship until 12:30; luncheon in silence except for great music until 7:00; session until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4:00; (some groups adjourn at 4:00); session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6:00; supper in silence except for great music until 7:00; session until 9:00 o'clock adjournment.

An alternate division of time is: 2:00 p.m. begin with recording of great music; prayer and conversation until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4:00; session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6:00; supper in silence except for great music until 7:00; session until 9:00 o'clock adjournment.

Some groups meet for an all-day retreat on Saturday, some on Saturday afternoon and evening; some women's groups meet for an all-day retreat on weekdays, with husbands coming for supper and evening session. Sometimes it is better to meet in a home with a large living-room and opportunity for quietness.

In every case several individuals of breadth of experience and depth of spiritual insight participate in the general conversation about the deeper issues of life. The discussion ranges from the will of God in personal relations to the will of God in economic life and world affairs.

Here is a procedure which may be used, with little promotion and little experience, by a pastor or a ministerial association with deep and enduring results. Experience shows that twenty to forty people in a circle can engage in intimate discussion and fervent prayer over a period of five to seven hours. Fellowship in prayer and discussion and action is the breath of spirtual life in any church where "two or three" spend time together in seeking to find the will of God and power to do it.

I would be glad to correspond with interested individuals about our experiences in prayer retreats, and may be addressed: Box 247, La Habra, California. Especially would I like to know about the experiences of other groups in prayer retreats.

—BY KIRBY PAGE

Intermediates speak through wayside sign

The smallest church may have a congregation of several thousand people, according to the intermediate MYF in Manson, Iowa.

On a busy street in Manson stands a large bulletin board, "The Wayside Philosopher," presenting a series of thought-provoking quotations to lift the thinking of the entire community. Quotations include sayings of the world's greatest writers, old proverbs, and Bible verses. The MYF advisor, Clarence A. Westphal, helps the youth select questions and directs the project.

To secure the necessary money, the MYFers picked up corn for nearby farmers. Their earnings paid for lumber, and friends donated glass, hinges, varnishes and most of the labor. Their beautiful case was made by John Van der Wert, a skilled cabinet maker from Holland just recently immigrated to this country.

Westphal points out that "most churches have in their congregation a cabinet-maker or someone who will gladly contribute his labor to a worthwhile project such as this. Once the bulletin board is set up, it will be no great problem to secure a donation for a light to illuminate these stimulating thoughts, making 'The Wayside Philosopher' a thing of beauty and inspiration."

Westphal is making available some of the Manson quotations, printed in large type on 22x34 inch sheets. A three-months supply, 13 quotations, may be ordered for $2.75 postpaid. A full year's supply costs $8.75. Orde from Clarence A. Westphal, Manso Iowa.

Van der Wert will supply bulleti board complete except for supportin posts for $48.50.

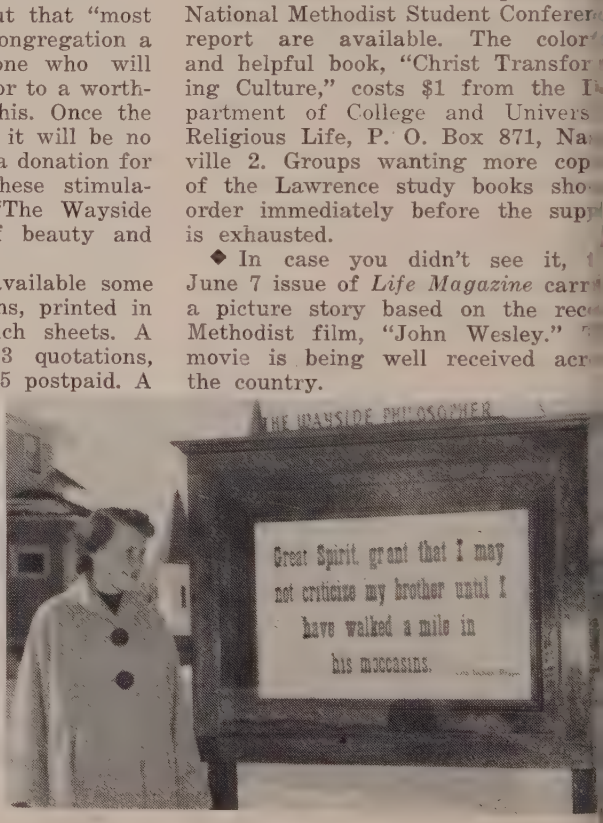
Short cues

◆ John Havea, Methodist pastor the Tonga (Friendly) Islands, and we known among Methodist youth ar student groups in this country, w appear on channel 4 television on Ju 4 at 1:30 EDT on the "Frontiers Faith" series. Check your paper f time in your town.

◆ Attractive blue labels are ava able to wrap around containers f relief offerings this summer. P containers on dining room tables a snack bars at camps and assembli and in your church. Money in the containers goes to the Methodist Co mittee for Overseas Relief. Order bels free in quantity from the You Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville

◆ A limited number of copies of t National Methodist Student Conferen report are available. The color and helpful book, "Christ Transfor ing Culture," costs $1 from the D partment of College and Univers Religious Life, P. O. Box 871, Na ville 2. Groups wanting more cop of the Lawrence study books sho order immediately before the supp is exhausted.

◆ In case you didn't see it, t June 7 issue of *Life Magazine* carr a picture story based on the rec Methodist film, "John Wesley." movie is being well received acr the country.


THE WAYSIDE PHILOSOPHER
Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my brother until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

Each week two intermediates change the "thoughts to live by" poster on their bulletin board in Manson, Iowa, Started by the intermediate MYF, the board is now a community project. (See story.) Dona North beams as she reads one poster.

nusual plaque goes Florida MYF camp

"This I have done for you—What you doing for me?"

These are the challenging words on unusual hand-made, inlaid plaque ich is being placed in the prayer m of the Graham-Sapp youth chapel the Florida Conference MYF camp Leesburg.

For the past three years, intermedi- boys and girls attending Christian venture camps the first three or four eks of the summer, have been giving t of their spending money to help erman youth camp in Berlin. Hear- g that their gifts would enable uth their own age, particularly in e Russian zone of Berlin, to attend Methodist youth camp, the Florida npers have gone all out to help. A w have actually given every cent ey brought to camp for spending ney. Each year several hundred llars have been sent to the young thodist minister who directs the rlin camp.

Each year the minister has written acious letters of appreciation, and ting he wished they could show their anks in a more tangible way. Last mmer, when an American Methodist uth group visited Germany, the min- er asked one of the youth (who was om Florida) if he would deliver this nd-made plaque to the Florida camp. nd so it came.

The plaque was made behind the iron rtain, and somehow the MYFers got to the British sector, where it was ven to the traveling Americans.

The plaque is the work of a real aftsman, each different color or ade being a separate piece of wood. n the back of the plaque is this in- ription:

"This is a gift of the young people the Berlin and North Western An- ual Conference of the Methodist hurch in Germany.

"It shall be a small sign of grati- de for the great help that was given youth, particularly out of Russian cupation territory, by the Intermedi- e camps at Leesburg from 1951-1953 rough the German Youth Fund.

"Our Heavenly Father might con- nue blessing all Youth Work of the Florida Conference, as you there and we here go forward working unshakeable for the completement of Christ's kingdom. We are remaining united in His love and fellowship.

"And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith!

"Berlin, August 1953."

MYF in action

—Photo by Boyce Howell

Local MYF puts Youth Fund on trial

To highlight a Methodist Youth Fund campaign, MYFers of Rose City Park church in Portland, Ore., called a special session of the MYF court, Judge Jim Wells, presiding.

All the MYF members had been sent jury summons and were on hand to make their decision on this difficult case. The defendant was the Methodist Youth Fund, charged with being of little use to the modern MYFer. The prosecuting attorney attempted to prove his point by producing two witnesses, MYFers, who testified that the MYFund had never done them any good and that they did not believe their nickels and dimes would do anything really important in the world. They

admitted under cross examination by the defense attorney that they had never attended a meeting on the MYFund.

The defense attorney proceeded ably to defend the MYFund, presenting three witnesses to the court: Rosita Cortez, a resident of El Paso, Texas, and well acquainted with the work of Freeman Clinic, supported in part by MYFund; Dr. George of Puntumba, India, who had cared for thousands of the sick in India through the support of the MYFund; and John Jacob, Chicago, whose family had been greatly helped by Marcy Center Chicago, a settlement house partially supported by the Methodist Youth Fund. In spite of the cross-examination by the prosecuting attorney, the convincing testimony of the witnesses could not be shaken. Judge Jim Wells dismissed the jury to the chapel where in meditation and prayer they reached their decision.

The verdict: The Methodist Youth Fund is not guilty of the charges and is worthy of the whole-hearted support of all Methodist Youth Fellowship members.

Church builds for fellowship

Taking the idea that sometimes young people go towards trouble because they have no place else to go, the congregation of a Leaksville, N. C., Methodist church under their pastor, Rev. I. G. Simpson, constructed an outdoor fireplace in a cleared section of the church yard.

Plans are under way for further fi
ing up the church property as a pla
ground for younger children, possib
with the youth helping provide t
labor and constructing a small outdo
chapel. The fireplace will be a gath
ing spot particularly for youth.

Ceremonies for a formal dedicat
of the fireplace, and launching of
new emphasis on helping youth gr
through worship and fun, were h
May 12. Bishop Edgar Love and M
Clarice Bowman spoke at the dedi
tion, emphasizing the role of the chu
in promoting fellowship and worsh
The church is out to win youth to
churchyard—to singing, building, pl
ing—then into the church itself.

Laymen of the church donated th
labor to build the outdoor recreat
center. With a characteristic sm
Bishop Love told the adults to let
youth have recreation, in fact, to
create with them. "It will be good
you."

Intermediates hold bakeless bake sale

Many the time I have heard you s
I'd rather give a dollar than b
today,
And so, we are asking you to h
more or less,
To make our Bakeless Bake Sal
A BIG SUCCESS.
Just send in the money that it wo
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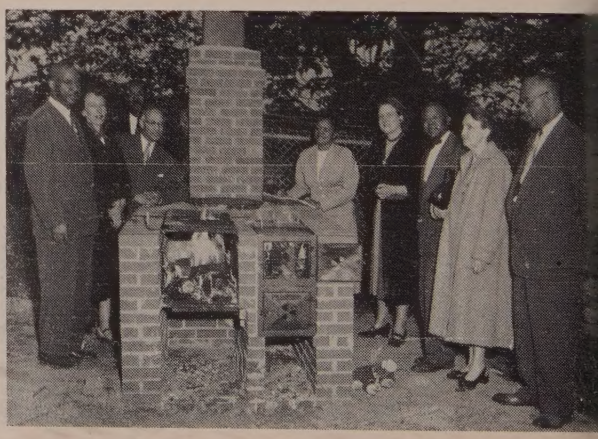

At the dedication of the Leaksville, N. C., church's outdoor fireplace were Dr. L. R. Fultz, Mrs. Hill McCollum, I. G. Simpson, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Mrs. W. S. McCleod, Miss Clarice Bowman, Dr. G. M. Phelps, Mrs. D. C. Bowman, and Rev. W. S. McCleod. (See story.)

r the Intermediate MYF.
ease let us hear from you by
June 15.

Thanks,
INTERMEDIATE MYF

Editor's note: the card worked!

MYF Roundup

◆ The St. Louis Conference MYF's odwill clothing drive has resulted in 98 filled bags of clothes, now de-ered to Goodwill Industries in St. uis. Top district collection was St. uis with 2462 bags. Kirkwood church lected 310 bags, and top percentage s St. James in the Rolla District, th 319 percent of its quota filled.

◆ "You Bet Your Life" was theme r the 1954 Youth Day, held June 19 the California-Nevana Conference YF. Some 500 high school, college d working youth gathered at College the Pacific in Stockton for a full y's activity. Speaker was Rev. Doug ayward of San Mateo.

◆ The Belle H. Bennett subdistrict the Kentucky Conference invited uth leaders from Baptist, Christian, azarene and Presbyterian churches to eak at a meeting this spring, to ex-ain to the MYFers the youth or-nization, projects and activities for uth in the other churches. The meet-g was held at First church, Rich-ond, and youth sang typical theme mns of other churches. Local MYF esident Lou Moore reports a new irit of unity and fellowship among urch youth in that area.

◆ "Big Scoop" is the collection of cts and plans about the MYF of illoughby Methodist Church in Wil-ughby, Ohio. The 14-page mimeo-raphed booklet is published by the nior high MYF to interpret their pro-ram and to introduce their leaders.

◆ Youth of First church in Fort orth, Texas, have published the last sue of their printed, six-page news-aper, but will resume publication next ll. "The Lamplighter" carries news interest to members of the youth vision, announcements of meetings d activities, and facts on district and nference programs. The paper is pre-ared and edited by youth of the urch.

Hubert Murakawa and Dorothy Arakaki are president and MYFund chairman of the Territorial (Hawaii) MYF. They are now at the Caravan training center in Salt Lake City, Utah, preparing to serve on Methodist Youth Caravans in the Western Jurisdiction. Photo was taken May 16 at MYFund rally held at Camp Kailani near Honolulu, with 300 youth in attendance. Swimming and recreation were followed by Luau (Hawaiian feast) held out of doors on tables made on the ground from beautiful leaves and bouquets of flowers. Program included native dances from Korea, Philippines and Japan. In the worship and pledge service, Miss Emeline Crane told of visits to Youth Fund projects around the world.

◆ This spring the MYF of Hashbrouck Heights, New Jersey, planned a tour south. Wherever they planned a stop, the MYFers made arrangements to present a complete program—both entertainment and worship. For the lighter side, tour members sang, played the piano, presented a girls' chorus and a drum solo. They even told the story of how the tour got started in the first place. The visitors led a service of worship each place they visited. Visitors number 25 youth and five adults, asked the host churches only to arrange sleeping quarters for them.

Have you ordered all the copies you need of the July-August-September issue of POWER? Order now and your copies will be shipped promptly.

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